

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Indiana Army National Guard

MISSION

Support children, youth, and families of the Indiana National Guard during times of deployment, extended separation, and normal day-to-day operations

GOALS

Increase opportunities that foster personal growth, education citizenship, and

leadership for military kids

Advocate for and raise awareness of

military connected youth within state

programs and partnering agencies

Activate statewide networks that can better serve geographically dispersed

military populations

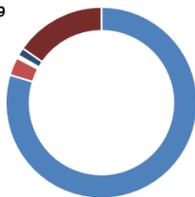


In FY18, Child and Youth Services hosted, led, or contributed to **58 EVENTS** around the Indiana, serving a total of **2257 ADULTS** and **1734 YOUTH** across the state.

2257 ADULTS

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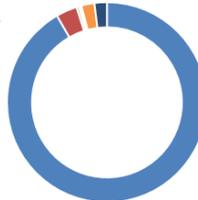
■ Army National Guard	1799
■ Air National Guard	69
■ Active Duty Army	3
■ Army Reserve	2
■ Air Force Reserve	2
■ Navy Reserve	4
■ Gold Star	31
■ Other	347



999 YOUTH AGES 6-12

Youth Ages 6-12

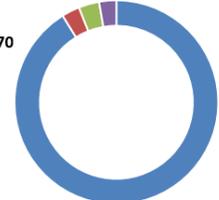
■ Army National Guard	913
■ Air National Guard	34
■ Active Duty Army	4
■ Army Reserve	3
■ Navy Reserve	1
■ Gold Star	21
■ Other	20



735 YOUTH AGES 13-17

Youth Ages 13-17

■ Army National Guard	670
■ Air National Guard	21
■ Gold Star	24
■ Other	20



164 VOLUNTEERS contributed a staggering 6706 HOURS

Child and Youth Services is truly a volunteers led program. They serve as camp counselors, operations staff for events and yellow ribbon activities, chaperones, bus drivers. They recruit new members, design programs, and touch lives!

“Volunteering for Youth Services is very important to me. I’m able to watch over my brothers while my dad is deployed.”

Anna Kneller, Volunteer



FY18 HIGHLIGHTS



- 7 Yellow Ribbon Events
- 5 Robotics Workshops
- 3 Overnight Camps
- 8 Outreach Events
- 1 Teen Summit
- 14 Resilience Trainings
- 4 Teen Council Meetings
- 3 Volunteer Trainings
- 1 Teen Leadership Camp to the Great Smoky Mtns.
- 7 Military Appreciation Events
- 1 Family Skate with Nap Town Roller Girls
- 1 5K Color Run (MOMC)
- 2 Holiday Family Events
- 1 State Child Care Council Conference
- 399 Hours of Programming

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

SALVATION ARMY—HIDDEN FALLS CAMP

Cohost Kids AT Youth Camp South, week-long residential camp at NO COST to the National Guard. True partners in planning, execution, and evaluation of the event. Salvation Army provide facilities, staff, food, and equipment for the week, National Guard provides volunteer counselors, campers, workshop leaders, and some supplies. Partnership is in its 4th year and going strong.



LIFEFIT—KIDFIT AT CAMP

Lifefit, an initiative tied to Soldier fitness that teaches nutrition, healthy habits, exercise, strength conditioning, stretching, and relaxation joined with Kids AT Youth Camp and led curriculum tailored to youth ages 9-13 and teens ages 14-17. Lifefit provided instructors, equipment, and curriculum design, Youth Services provided facilities and campers. The program was a great success and received positive remarks from Indiana TAG GEN Carr.



OTHER FORCE MULTIPLIERS:

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| Military Family Research Institute | Head Start | Early Learning Indiana | 4H |
| STARBASE Indy | Project YES | The Caring Place | Indianapolis Zoo |
| IN National Guard Relief Fund | Red Cross | Foundation for Youth | Camptown |
| Bradford Woods | Wonderlab | Nap Town Roller Girls | Peace Learning Center |
| Benjamin Harrison House | Ted Wiese | Camp Potawatomi | CampDocs |

BEST PRACTICES

ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS

FY18 saw the birth of a new initiative, Robotics Roadshow. State Youth Coordinators traveled to 5 Indiana cities for combined 5 Robotics Workshops, culminating in 25 hours of programming. Participants learned building, programming, and the Scientific Method, working in pairs and reporting outcomes

Youth experimented with state of the art technology and curriculum created by Lego Education. Youth 7-10 used Lego WeDo 2.0 curriculum and those 11-14 Lego MINDSTORM EV3 and iPads to program through block method.

Workshops were well attended and several participants traveled to multiple locations around the state to participate again!



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD EVENTS

During the month of April, Indiana Child and Youth Services hosted 6 events around the state, including a 5K Color Run in coordination with the Sexual Assault Response Program and a Family Skate with the Nap Town Roller Girls. Nap Town Roller Girls also dedicated a bout to military families, recognizing a family during break in play and donating tickets

To recognize military youth, Coordinators created a mailing initiative where deployed parents could send personalized messages to their children recognizing the service and sacrifice of their children.

For the 7th year, Indiana's Governor signed a proclamation to declare. April is Month of the Military Child to establish a statewide recognition. While 9 area school celebrated Purple Up Day with a military speaker and activities.

Enthusiasm and awareness of MOMC continues to grow around the state!



EXPANDING RESILIENCE TRAINING

In FY18 we worked with State Resilience Team to expand state training from small classroom settings to large-scale Kids AT Camp (week-long overnight camp). This gave trainers multiple days to cover large amounts of skills and apply them to everyday camp life. We found that Resilience Training at camp improved coping skills for camps and reduced behavioral issues for all age groups attending camp. During two one-week camp periods, we trained both children and Adult Volunteers on MRT Standards.



STATE TEEN PANEL

10 members ages 14-17

4 meetings throughout the year

Designed and led the Teen Summit for 19 teens in attendance.

Presented educational workshops on stress management, stereotyping, and building healthy relationships.

Briefed military leaders on state teen issues and events

Completed 142 volunteer hours at Child and Youth Services events and also in their communities

4 members attended and presented at the Region V Teen Summit in Paynesville, MN

Members continue to contribute to annual events and programs



RESILIENCE TRAINING

In FY18, Child and Youth Services trained **279 INDIVIDUAL YOUTH** the Army's Resilience Curriculum

during **6 EVENTS** across the state.

Adapted program to be taught at camps and overnights

Teen Council members experienced complete curricula and assisted in teaching other teens

Expanded participation to include adult volunteers and parent groups

Worked with the State Resilience Team to adapt curriculum to younger audiences

Spoke during state MRT Refresher Training to recruit volunteers to next year's camp





“Last year, my dad was in deployment in Afghanistan Kids AT Camp made me happy about making friends and it makes me very proud of my dad.”

**Kids AT Camper
Aged 6-12**

Anne Tedore

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“My kids are stronger than I even give them credit for. Thank you INNG Youth Program!”

**Amber Modricker-Campbell
SGT Brandon Campbell**

Raven Jones

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“I personally can only tell my 3 children stories of the military that their father told me before he died. Going to this camp gives them more of an idea what AT was like for their Dad, they get to do so many cool things there and meet some of the soldiers’ children that served with him. They look forward to it every year!”

**Beth Kohlheim
SGT Spencer Kohlheim
(deceased)**



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